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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S.APPLICATION

(BASED ON PCT/EP03/12819)

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FOR: METHOD FOR THE

PURIFICATION OF LIPONIC ACID

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.